



UNAIDS PCB BUREAU MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, 29 July 2026

TIME: 13:00-16:00 (CET)

VENUE: Hybrid (in-person at the UNAIDS building and virtually on Zoom)

PARTICIPANTS

Netherlands: Representing the PCB Chair: Ms Zina Olshanska, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Geneva; Ms. Carolien van Embden, Senior Policy Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, and Mr Fabian Schipper, Senior Policy Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

Philippines: Representing the PCB Vice-Chair: Mr Joselito Feliciano, Executive Director of Philippine National AIDS Council.

Kenya: Representing the PCB Rapporteur: Dr Douglas Bosire, Chief Executive Officer, National Syndemic Diseases Control Council, Ministry of Health.

Representing the PCB NGO Delegation: Mr Ulrich Mvate, Executive Director, Humanity First Cameroon Plus.

UNDP: Representing the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations: Ms Karin Santi, Regional Team Leader HIV, Health and Development, UNDP.

UNAIDS Secretariat: Mr Mahesh Mahalingam, Chief of Staff; Mr Morten Ussing, Director of Governance; Mr. Luca Kaupp, Governance Officer; Ms Maya Salama; Governance Consultant.

MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Budget for the PCB Working Group:** *The Bureau will discuss the approved budget, in particular the approval process and its communication to the PCB, to support the mandate of the PCB Working Group.*
- 2. Update from the Co-Facilitators of the PCB Working Group:** *The Bureau will receive an update on the workplan of the PCB Working Group.*
- 3. Preparation for the Special Session of the PCB (26 October 2026):** *The Bureau will agree on the proposed draft agenda for the meeting.*
- 4. Preparation for the 59th PCB meeting (8–11 December 2026):** *The Bureau will receive an update and provide guidance on the preparations for the full virtual 59th PCB meeting in December, including agreeing on the proposed agenda items based on previous PCB*

decisions.

5. Any other business

Summary of the Meeting

1. Budget for the PCB Working Group

The Chair recalled decision point 10.2 of the 58th Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) meeting, which requests the PCB Bureau, in consultation with the Co-Facilitators of the PCB Working Group, to agree on and communicate to the PCB the detailed budget required to support the mandate of the Working Group, taking into account the estimated maximum budget outlined and approved in the Terms of Reference.

The Chair informed the Bureau that the proposed budget had been circulated electronically for Bureau's approval following the 58th PCB meeting. Comments received from Bureau members had been incorporated into the final version, which was approved on 15 July 2026. The Chair noted that the approval would be reflected in the summary of this meeting and that the approved budget would be circulated to the PCB as an annex after this Bureau meeting, in accordance with the PCB decision.

Responding to questions from Bureau members, the Secretariat clarified that the budget included provision for the Co-Facilitators to attend the multistakeholder consultation and the Special Session in person to facilitate preparation and coordination in support of the timely completion of the PCB Working Group's report and consensus-building ahead of the Special Session. The Secretariat also clarified that the proposed budget included the cost of an additional consultant to support the PCB Working Group, which the United Kingdom had indicated it could support through a separate funding arrangement.

The Bureau welcomed the announcement by the Netherlands of an additional voluntary contribution of EUR 35,000 to support the work of the PCB Working Group. The Secretariat further informed the Bureau that Germany had indicated that additional EUR 15,000 would be made available to support the work of the PCB Working Group.

The Bureau thanked the Secretariat for the clarifications provided on the approved budget and welcomed the financial contributions announced in support of the PCB Working Group. The Bureau reaffirmed its support for the timely implementation of the Working Group's mandate in accordance with the decisions of the PCB.

2. Update from the Co-Facilitators of the PCB Working Group

The Co-Facilitators provided the update as follows:

- Reported on the implementation of the PCB Working Group workplan, noting that the Working Group had commenced weekly meetings, supplemented by additional sessions to ensure delivery of the agreed timeline.
- Outlined the programme of work leading to the Special Session, including discussions on governance arrangements; decision-making and accountability; Secretariat and Cosponsor

functions; financing modalities; data and analytical functions; partnership models; country coordination and regional support; community and civil society engagement; the theory of change; the implementation timeline; and the recommendations to be included in the Working Group's final report.

- Presented the proposed agenda for the Working Group's face-to-face meeting in August, which will focus on building consensus around a single transition model, financing options, the implementation timeline and the final recommendations, and ensuring that the final report fully responds to the Terms of Reference. The Co-Facilitators confirmed that the Working Group remains on track to submit to the Bureau its draft final plan ahead of the Bureau meeting scheduled mid-September and the final plan to the PCB Bureau by 5 October 2026 which will be afterwards shared with the PCB ahead of the Special Session.
- Responding to questions from Bureau members, the Co-Facilitators clarified that the arrangements for a planned joint session with the Secretariat and Cosponsors in August were being further developed in consultation with the representative(s) of the Committee of Cosponsoring Organizations (CCO) to ensure broad participation by the Cosponsors in the discussion.
- Responding to questions from Bureau members, the Co-Facilitators informed the Bureau that the Terms of Reference for the additional consultancy to support the PCB Working Group had been finalized and shared with the Secretariat. They explained that the consultant would provide technical and research support to the Working Group throughout its deliberations.

The Bureau supported the proposal that Bureau members consult informally with their respective constituencies during the second week of September, following the first circulation of the draft final plan and ahead of the PCB Bureau meeting on 16 September. Afterwards the Bureau discussed preparations for the multistakeholder consultation scheduled for 28–29 September 2026. Recalling decision point 10.4 of the 58th PCB meeting, the Chair emphasized the importance of the Co-facilitators sharing the draft final plan through the PCB Bureau sufficiently in advance of the multistakeholder consultation to enable PCB members and observers to review the document and provide written comments ahead of the meeting. The Bureau agreed that early circulation of the draft final plan and the opportunity to provide written comments in advance would facilitate a focused multistakeholder consultation and support preparations for the Special Session of the PCB on 26 October 2026.

The Bureau thanked the Co-Facilitators for the comprehensive update and expressed its appreciation for the progress made by the PCB Working Group. The Bureau encouraged the Working Group to continue its work in accordance with the agreed timeline and looked forward to receiving the draft final plan through the Bureau ahead of the multistakeholder consultation.

3. Preparation for the Special Session of the PCB (26 October 2026)

The Secretariat provided the following update on the preparations for the Special Session of the PCB:

- The Special Session is being convened in accordance with decision point 7.3e of the 57th PCB meeting, which requested the PCB Working Group to provide its finalized plan for the further transition and integration of UNAIDS into the UN system and beyond, through the Bureau, for consideration and decision-making by the PCB no later than the end of October 2026, for subsequent transmission to ECOSOC.
- The PCB had requested at the 57th PCB meeting that the 2027 Workplan and Budget be presented for approval at the same Special Session.

- The Secretariat presented the draft timewise agenda for the Special Session. The proposed agenda would include: (i) consideration of the report of the 58th PCB meeting; (ii) consideration of the final plan of the PCB Working Group on the further transition and integration of UNAIDS into the UN system and beyond; and (iii) consideration of the 2027 Workplan and Budget. The Secretariat recalled that the Modalities and Procedures for the Special Session had already been approved intersessionally and posted on the PCB website.
- Responding to Bureau members, the Secretariat provided an overview of the decision-making procedures under the PCB Modus Operandi, including the role of the Chair in facilitating consensus during the consultations preceding the Special Session and the procedural options available should consensus not be reached at the Special Session itself.

The Secretariat also provided an update on the development of the 2027 Workplan and Budget:

- The proposed approach and timeline would remain sufficiently flexible to incorporate the outcomes of the PCB Working Group and the Board's decisions.
- Presented two indicative core funding scenarios for 2027, comprising a baseline scenario of US\$63 million and a more ambitious scenario of US\$80 million, consistent with the planning scenarios approved by the PCB for 2026. Both scenarios include catalytic core funding for Lead Cosponsors at the same level as for 2026.
- Explained that the proposed 2027 Workplan and Budget would build on the structure of the 2026 Workplan and Budget while reflecting the recommendations of the PCB Working Group once finalized. The document would include an updated overview of the epidemic and policy context, the Joint Programme transition and UN80 initiative, results areas and budget, priority actions for the Secretariat and Cosponsors, prioritized country support, the proposed core budget, and a simplified performance monitoring approach.
- Presented the proposed timeline for developing the 2027 Workplan and Budget:
 - July: Preparation of the draft outline and guidance for the development of the 2027 Workplan and Budget.
 - 16 September: Update to the PCB Bureau on progress in the development of the 2027 Workplan and Budget.
 - 5 October: Posting of the 2027 Workplan and Budget on the UNAIDS website.
 - 21-23 October: PCB pre-meeting and consultations on the draft decision points.
 - 26 October: Presentation of the 2027 Workplan and Budget at the Special Session of the Programme Coordinating Board.
- Responding to questions from Bureau members, the Secretariat clarified that the proposed timeline for developing the 2027 Workplan and Budget remained sufficiently flexible to incorporate the final recommendations of the PCB Working Group and any decisions taken by the Board at the Special Session, while allowing the necessary operational planning to proceed in parallel.
- The Secretariat further clarified that implementation of any structural changes arising from the Board's decisions and its implications on staff would take time to ensure compliance with applicable staff rules and regulations, and that the financial implications of major organizational changes implemented through 2027 would largely be reflected in the 2028 budget cycle. The Secretariat also noted that, should additional time be required to

consider specific issues, the Board could adopt interim arrangements or to postpone some of those decisions till December PCB to enable the Joint Programme to continue operating pending further decisions.

- On the proposed funding scenarios, the Secretariat explained that the baseline scenario was based largely on confirmed or expected multi-year core contributions from existing donors and noted that resource mobilization efforts would continue in advance of the Special Session.

The Bureau emphasized the importance of using the multistakeholder consultation, Bureau meeting and pre-meetings to build consensus ahead of the Special Session. The Bureau agreed that the Special Session should focus on consideration and decision-making on the final plan of the PCB Working Group, rather than revisiting the detailed options discussed during the multistakeholder consultation. The Bureau also acknowledged the importance of providing sufficient opportunity for interventions by PCB members, participants and observers.

The Bureau updated the schedule for the Special Session to give more time for the 2027 Workplan and Budget, noting that the connection between the working group's final plan and the budget might need careful review by the PCB. The Chair requested the Secretariat to circulate the revised annotated and timewise agenda to the Bureau for approval by email.

The Bureau thanked the Secretariat for the comprehensive update on the preparations for the Special Session and the development of the 2027 Workplan and Budget, welcomed the proposed approach, and emphasized the importance of maintaining the agreed timeline and building consensus ahead of the Special Session through the Bureau, the multistakeholder consultation and the pre-meetings.

4. Preparation for the 59th PCB meeting (8–11 December 2026)

The Secretariat presented the proposed preparations for the fully virtual 59th PCB meeting, to be held from 8 to 11 December 2026. Referring to the table of follow-up items circulated in advance of the meeting, the Secretariat recalled that the table captures outstanding requests and follow-up actions arising from previous PCB decisions and provides the basis for the Bureau's discussion on the proposed agenda for the 59th PCB meeting. The Secretariat also recalled that the Modalities and Procedures for the 59th PCB meeting had been approved intersessionally and posted on the PCB website.

Standing Items: The following standing items are common practice for the December meeting of the PCB. The Secretariat provided the following information, and the PCB Bureau commented on the agenda items to be included in the draft agenda of the 59th PCB meeting.

- **Report of the Special Session: (confirmed for the 59th PCB meeting):** The draft report of the Special Session will be finalized and circulated to the PCB Bureau for clearance before posting. The modus operandi of the PCB requires that the report is posted shortly after the agenda is posted: "A report of the PCB meeting shall incorporate the recommendations, decisions and conclusions referred to in paragraph 30 above and be distributed to members and other participants.
- **Report of the Executive Director: (confirmed for the 59th PCB meeting):** The report of the Executive Director is a standing item at all PCB meetings. The Executive Director traditionally releases an outline of the report in advance of the meeting. The full report is published following her delivery of the speech at the PCB. The report includes the most

important achievements in the global AIDS response since the PCB last met, as well as an emphasis on remaining challenges.

- **Report by the NGO Representative: (confirmed for the 59th PCB meeting):** The NGO report is written by the NGO Delegation, typically following extensive consultations with civil society globally, on a topic of their choice. The NGO representative informed the Bureau that the topic for their report would be “How to safeguard and institutionalize community leadership and civil society participation during the transition of the global HIV response amid funding reductions and UN system reforms” and that work on the report was underway.
- **Leadership in the AIDS Response: (confirmed for the 59th PCB meeting):** The Executive Director may invite one or several high-level speakers to present a specific topic. The Secretariat will provide additional information to the Bureau on the high-level speaker closer to the PCB meeting. The agenda item is pending confirmation from the Executive Office. Should it be postponed, the Bureau will be informed, and the draft agenda will be updated accordingly.
- **Follow-up to the thematic segment from the previous PCB meeting (confirmed for the 59th PCB meeting):** Every PCB has a thematic segment on a timely topic selected by the PCB. The thematic segment takes place on the last day of the PCB, following the decision-making segment, and its format can vary, but usually involves keynote interventions and panels of speakers. There is no decision-making on the thematic segment to give representatives the time and space to really engage in the discussions. At the subsequent PCB meeting, a summary report of the thematic segment’s presentations and discussions is provided for decision making. This report, the Follow-up to the thematic segment, will be on the topic of the 58th PCB meeting: *Beyond 2025: Countering health inequities through sustaining the HIV response, human rights and harm reduction for people who use drugs*. The summary report is being finalized and will be sent shortly to the Bureau for discussion and clearance.
- **Evaluation report and Management response: (confirmed for the 59th PCB meeting):** The annual evaluation report will provide an update on the implementation of the UNAIDS 2026 Evaluation Plan and present the next Evaluation Plan for approval.
- **Next PCB meetings: (confirmed for the 59th PCB meeting):** This item includes a short paper indicating the dates for the 64th and 65th PCB meetings and the thematic segment themes for 2027. Regarding the themes for the thematic segments of the PCB, the process normally followed is for the Secretariat to send a call for themes to all PCB members, compile the themes for the Bureau’s consideration for the following year, and then the PCB agrees on each theme in the December PCB meeting as part of the paper Next PCB Meetings.
- **Election of Officers: (confirmed for the 59th PCB meeting):** This item includes the composition of the PCB for the next year as approved by ECOSOC and as submitted by the NGO Delegation, along with the election of officers in the Bureau.
- **Thematic Segment: Addressing the impact of funding cuts on people living with, affected by, and at risk of HIV, and on the response to HIV and AIDS: (confirmed for the 59th PCB meeting):** The theme for the thematic segment was approved at the 57th PCB meeting in December 2025.

Responding to questions from Bureau members regarding the audit of the completed Secretariat restructuring, the Secretariat noted that the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee (IEOAC) was already following the matter with the Internal Auditor in their regular dialogues. The

Bureau's discussion would be brought to the attention of the IEOAC for consideration at its October meeting, in support of its ongoing oversight of the audit process.

The Bureau confirmed all standing items for the 59th PCB meeting.

Possible issues to be considered at the 59th PCB meeting

Bureau is considering retaining one of the following four possible agenda items arising from previous PCB decisions as well as proposals by Bureau members:

- **HIV in prisons and other closed settings**
 - This agenda item is a follow-up to decision point 7.5c from the 55th PCB:
 - *Report to the Programme Coordinating Board, if appropriate, through the annual UBRAF performance reporting, on progress related to HIV among people in prisons and other closed settings*
 - The Secretariat recalled that a progress update had been provided under the Global AIDS Strategy 2026–2031 agenda item at the 57th PCB meeting and noted that the decision provides for reporting either through the annual UBRAF performance reporting or, where appropriate, through a standalone agenda item.
- **Update on the Global Partnership to eliminate all forms of HIV-related stigma and discrimination:**
 - This agenda item is a follow-up to decision point 7.4d from the 51st PCB:
 - *Report to the Programme Coordinating Board on further progress at a future meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board;*
 - The Secretariat recalled that a progress update had been provided under the Global AIDS Strategy 2026–2031 agenda item at the 57th PCB meeting.
- **Update on the resources invested in community-led HIV responses and sustainable HIV responses**
 - This agenda item is a follow-up to decision point 6.12 from the 56th PCB meeting:
 - *Requests an update on the methodology used for reporting on the resources invested in community-led HIV responses and sustainable HIV responses as part of the financial reporting at the 58th PCB meeting in June 2026;*
- **Progress update on implementation of the final UNAIDS transition plan**

Bureau members noted the limited time available during the 59th PCB meeting and agreed that it would be difficult to accommodate more than one additional agenda item. The Chair requested the Secretariat to circulate a summary of the four proposed agenda items and invited Bureau members to provide their views by 14 August, following consultations with their Delegations. The Chair indicated that the additional agenda item for the 59th PCB meeting would be determined on the basis of those consultations. If no consensus is reached, the Chair will make her proposal.

5. Any other business (AOB)

There was no other business discussed.

The Chair thanked the Bureau members for their time and closed the meeting.